We claim:

1. A preparation of antibodies which specifically binds to a human APC (adenomatous polyposis coli) protein having an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1, 2, or 7, and does not specifically bind to other human proteins.

and does not specifically bind to other human proteins. 40 [2]. A preparation of antibodies which specifically binds to a human APC protein which is the product of a mutant allele found in a tumor, wherein the antibodies do not specifically bind to other human proteins, and wherein the human APC protein is a mutant form of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS:2 and 7, and the mutant allele is a mutant form of the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

3. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele contains a mutation selected from the group consisting of

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mutations at codons 243, 279, 288, 301,331,413,437, 456, 500, 712, and 1338.

4. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele contains a premature stop codon.

5. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele

contains a missense mutation.

6. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele contains a frameshift mutation.

7. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele contains a splice junction mutation.

8. The preparation of claim 2 wherein the mutant allele contains an insertion mutation.